consider the matter of filling up the vacancies in the membership of the CABE. In this connection, the Government has constituted a Committee on 17.1.2003 under the Chairmanship of Shri J.C. Pant, former Secretary to the Government of India, for evolving an effective mechanism for consultation and coordination with all stakeholders including State Governments, for the formulation, implementation and monitoring of programmes and projects in pursuance of the National Education Policy.

**IITs branches in foreign countries**

1172. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:
SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA:
SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up branches of Indian Institute of Technology in foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the purpose of tapping overseas market in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) There is no proposal to set up Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) abroad.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

**Convention on the Rights of the Child**

1173. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has ratified the UN adopted 1989 'Convention on the Rights of the Child which *inter alia*, gives guarantee for full ranges of rights from survival and development to protection from exploitation and abuse and full participation in family, etc.;

(b) if so, have we fulfilled the envisaged commitment by passing the relevant legislation in line with the CRC which aims to defend, protect and fulfill the rights of children; and